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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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- 60 - Mike, PA5M is now working in Somalia and will be active in his spare time as 600M. He will operate mainly CW with 100 watts into wire antennas. Mike should be there for at least 6 weeks. QSL via PA7FM. Pictures and logs will be posted on <http://www.6o0m.pa7fm.nl/> as soon as available. [TNX PA7FM]
- 9A - Fredy (DE0MST), Daki (9A2WJ), Boro (9A3KB), Emir (9A6AA), Sven (DF9MV) and Mathias (DL5MFL), plan to be active as either 9A0CI and homecall/p from Veli Rat Lighthouse (ARLHS CRO-183) on Dugi Otok (EU-170, IOCA CI-018) on 14-22 April. QSL 9A0CI via DE0MST, others via home calls. [TNX VA3RJ]
- CE - Zoli, HA1AG and Marco, CE6TBN will operate SSB and CW as XR4PI from Pupuya Island in the O'Higgins/Maule IOTA group (SA-NEW) during the weekend. They expect to be QRV late Friday evening (7 April) and to operate until Sunday (9 April) afternoon. The exact schedule will largely depend on local conditions. Feedback during the operation can be sent to xr4pi@dx.hu (messages will be read by the pilots and forwarded to the operators on the island). QSL via HA1AG, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at www.hg6n.hu/halag/xr4pi [TNX HA1AG]
- DL - Look for Detlev, DL1RTW/p and Klaus, DL7UXG/p to operate SSB and CW from Fehmarn Island (EU-128, O-01 for the German Islands Award) from 29 April to 1 May. [TNX DL8AAM]
- DU - Rag, LA6FJA plans to operate (on 17, 20, 30, 40 and 80 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31) as DU1/KI4KJP from Luzon Island (OC-042), Philippines from 6 April to 1 May. QSL via WY4N. [TNX The Daily DX]
- EA8 - Michael/DL3FCG, Lars/DL6FCB, Fred/DL8MG and Reiner/DL4ZF will be active as EA8/homecall from Tenerife, Canary Islands (AF-004) from 28 April to 5 May. QSL via home calls. [TNX DL3FCG]
- EI - The South Dublin Radio Club (EI2SDR) will operate as EI90GPO over the Easter weekend to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Easter Uprising of 1916. Activity will be on all HF bands from 80 to 10 metres. [TNX F5NQL]
- F - Muriel, F0CXD and Arno, F4DCG will operate as TM4BFL on 9-19 April. This special call is in memory of Arnaud Smeulders, F4BFL, who died several months ago at 29 years of age. QSL via F4DCG, direct or bureau. [TNX F5NQL]
- FO - Yves, F6CTL will operate from the Pacific between 18 June and 18 July. He expects to be active from the following islands (no exact dates):
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| Marquesas | Hiva Hoa | OC-027 |
| Australes | Rurutu | OC-050 |
| French Polynesia | Tahiti | OC-046 |

French Polynesia	Moorea	OC-046
French Polynesia	Huahine	OC-067
French Polynesia	Fakarava	OC-066
French Polynesia	Mangareva	OC-063

He plans to operate SSB and some CW on 10-40 metres using a vertical and dipoles. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

- GM - The Orkney Amateur Radio Club (<http://www.eu009.com>) will operate as MM0MWW from the Isle of Shapinsay (EU-009) on 13-17 April. They plan to be QRV with two stations on 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres CW and SSB. QSL direct only to GM0IFM (see <http://www.eu009.com/qsipolicy.htm> for their QSLling policy). [TNX MM0MSS]
- HA - Chris, HA5X will operate as HA50MHZ until 31 December to celebrate the long-awaited legalization of 6 metres for amateur radio operators in Hungary. QSL via home call. [TNX HA5X]
- HH - Glauber, PS7EB will operate as HH/PS7EB from Haiti between 19 May and 25 November. He works for the Brazilian Army and has joined a group of Brazilian military forces that will work together with ONU on a peace mission in Haiti. Glauber plans to operate CW, SSB and digital modes using a multiband vertical antenna. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX PY7RP]
- I - ARI Sala Consilina (Salerno) members will operate special event station IO8VAT from 15 April to 15 May to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Vatican Radio. QSL via IZ8AJQ (bureau) or direct to P.O. Box 11, 84036 Sala Consilina - SA, Italy. [TNX IZ8AJQ]
- I - Fabio, IW1DFU reports he will operate as IA5/IW1DFU from Isola d'Elba (EU-028, IIA LI-001) on 23-29 April. Expect activity on 15, 20 and 30 metres.
- J5 - Simone, IV3NVN and Fabrizio, IV3DHD have been in Guinea-Bissau for one week, and expected to operate as J5UCW and J5UAF respectively from Pecixe Island (AF-093) on 1-5 April. This was a "spare time operation" with 100 watts into verticals, and the two experienced many problems with the generator. On 9-12 April they will be active (again in their limited spare time) from Caboxangue on the mainland. Fabrizio will sign J5UAF, while Simone will use J5UDX. QSL J5UCW and J5UDX via IK2ILH (direct or bureau), QSL J5UAF via IV3DHD.
- JA - Look for JA1KJW/6, JJI1JGI/6, JH1VWV/6 and possibly others to be active from Tsushima (AS-036, JIIA AS-036-022), Nagasaki prefecture on 21-23 April. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]
- JA - Look for JA1KJW/4, JJ1JGI/4 and 7N4AGB/4 to be active from Oki Island (AS-041, JIIA AS-041-003), Shimane prefecture from 29 April to 8 May. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]
- JA - Look for JA4ZKI/4 and JE6QIG/4 to operate from Oshima (AS-117, JIIA AS-117-108), Yamaguchi prefecture on 13-14 May. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]
- JA - Look for JA1UNS/1, JI1PLF/1, 7NGMK/1, 7L4PVR/1 and 7N4VPS/1 to be active Hachijo Island (AS-043, JIIA AS-043-003) on 19-22 May. They plan to operate CW and SSB on the HF bands. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JI6KVR]
- OZ - Mike/DK6QW, Claus/DF8QJ and Reinhard/DL6YFB will operate as OZ/homecall from Fano Island (EU-125) on 15-22 April. Expect activity on 80-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

S0 - Hitoshi, JH2UVL will be the pilot station for Japan for the forthcoming S01R DXpedition to Western Sahara [425DXN 775]. Bookmark <http://www.s01r.com/> for the latest updates and meews. [TNX EA5RM]

SM - Bernd, DL8AAV will be active as SM1/DL8AAV/p from Gotland Island (EU-020) for two weeks starting on 24 May. [TNX DL8AAM]

SV - Special event station SX2P will be active on 15-17 April to commemorate the century anniversary of the Intercalated Olympic Games that took place in Athens in 1906. [TNX The Daily DX]

UA - Look for R3K to be aired from Korolev Rocket and Space Corporation Energia on 10-16 April to commemorate the 45th anniversary of Yuri A. Gagarin's first human flight in space (12 April 1961). QSL via RN3DK, direct or bureau. [TNX RN3DK]

VE - Dana, VE1VOX will be active (on 15, 20 and possibly 40 metres SSB) as VE1OTA from IOTA group NA-081 on 14-16 April. Which islands he will operate from will be decided upon arrival to the area. QSL via home call, direct preferred. [TNX VE1VOX]

VU4 - VU4AN will be the "prefix" for the 18-25 April activities from the Andaman Islands [425DXN 777]. According to first hand information collected by Charles Harpole, K4VUD (HS0ZCW), all licenced operators will have a VU mainland callsign that will be prefixed with VU4AN/: for instance Charles will be signing VU4AN/VU3CHE, while IK1PMR will use VU4AN/VU3TLY, IZ1GLO (K2LEO) will use VU4AN/VU3PLM, AA4NN will use VU4AN/VU3JLW, DL4KQ will use VU4AN/VU3FRK, etc.

W - John, NY6DX will operate as NY6DX/1 from Block Island (NA-031) on 11-14 April. QSL direct via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - Scott, NE1RD and Dave, KZ1O will be active as K1P (Patriots Day special event call) from Deer Isle (NA-055) on 10-17 April. QSL via NE1RD, [TNX VA3RJ]

YB - The YE5P team (17 members, including two from Malaysia and one from Singapore) will operate from Berhala Island (claimed to qualify for OC-107) starting on 7 April. They plan to be active on 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres, mostly SSB with some CW and digital modes. QSL direct to P.O. Box 154, Batam 29400, Indonesia, or via the bureau. [TNX YC3MM]

YJ - Guenter, DL2AWG will operate as either YJ0AWG or YJ0WG from Port Vila (OC-035), Vanuatu from 19 April to 1 May. Expect activity on 10-40 metres SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via DL2AWG. [TNX NG3K]

YV0 - Ramon/YV5EED, Edgar/YV2IF, Rey/YV5AMH, Jose/YV5ANT, Pablo/YV5IVB, Jose/YV5LIX, Antonio/YV5LMW, Eduardo/YV5MHX, Federico/YV5NCZ, Gregorio/YV5OHW, Alex/YV5SSB, Victor/YV5ZV, Jig/AD6TF and Ray/DL2GG are the operators for the forthcoming operation from Aves Island [425DXN 777]. YX0A should be QRV starting on 19 April and the expedition should end around 1 May. Suggested frequencies are 28475, 24987, 21295, 18145, 14190, 7093, 3750 and 1842.5 kHz (SSB); 28023, 24893, 21023, 18073, 14023, 10103, 7023, 3523 and 1822.5 kHz (CW); 3570, 10137, 14085, 18100, 21085, 24920 and 29580 kHz (RTTY); 3580, 10140, 14071, 18100, 21071, 24920 and 28071 kHz (PSK). The operators will also be listening for openings on 50110 kHz. QSL via KU9C. The web page for the expedition is at <http://www.yv0.info/>

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DXCC NEWS ---> The following operations are accepted for DXCC credit:

3Y0X	Peter I Island	Operation from 8 February through 19 February 2006
600N	Somalia	Operation from 18 January through 18 February 2006
YI/OM2DX	Iraq	Operation from 27 July through 21 September 2003
YI3SRA	Iraq	Operation commencing 3 October 2003

RD1AL/0 ---> Victor Karassev, RD1AL is signing RD1AL/0 from a scientific drifting station in the Central Arctic Ocean until the end of April. Vic is running 100W into a vertical antenna. QSL via RD1AL (Victor Karassev, P.O. Box 73, St. Petersburg, 191119 Russia). [TNX DL5EBE]

QSL R45G ---> The new QSL route for R45G is via RK3DZB, direct (P.O.Box 159, Zvyozdny Gorodok, 141160, Russia) or bureau. [TNX RU3DNN]

QSL U4MIR ---> The correct QSL route for U4MIR is via RN3DK (not RK3DZB). [TNX RU3DNN]

QSL MANAGEMENT SERVICE ---> Tim Beaumont, M3SDE offers a full package service to help cut costs in QSL posting especially for DXpedition teams, IOTA stations, etc. Please e-mail qslm@btopenworld.com for detailed information.

QSL VIA PA0RRS ---> Richard has started processing sending out the cards (all of the direct and the first 1000 bureau QSLs) direct and bureau for his recent activities as 9M2/PA0RRS and 9M2MRS (8600 QSOs). Those who need a direct card, please note that his address is: Richard Smeets, Schoorveken 100, 5121 NM Rijen, The Netherlands (he still receives cards sent to his old address in Alphen, which has been no longer valid for eight years now!).

SRT MEETING ---> The third International Meeting organized by the Strange Radio Team will take place in Taranto on 22-23 April. Please visit http://www.strangeradioteam.com/meeting/srm-2006_eng.asp for further information.

UK POSTAL RATES ---> Mike, G3TEV reports that effective 3 April, UK postal rates for overseas are as follows: to Europe = 44p (up to 20 grams), to destinations outside Europe = 50p (up to 10 grams).

WARD AWARD ---> The WARD (World Amateur Radio Day) Award commemorates the World Amateur Radio Day celebrated by IARU on 18 April each year. The award is sponsored by MK QTC (the Polish Amateur Radio Journal) with the Polish Amateur Radio Union's support, and it is issued to licenced amateurs and SWLs for contacts made/heard between 00.00 and 23.59 UTC on 18 April. For further information please visit <http://ward-award.prv.pl/> [TNX SP2FAP]

WORLD ROBINSON CUP 2006 ---> The Russian Robinson Club sponsors the "World Robinson Cup" (wrc_rrc@mail.ru) for contacting stations operating from islands between 1 April and 30 September 2006. The national island programmes considered by WRC 2006 are BIA (Belarus), CIsA (Canada), DIA (Denmark), DIB (Brazil), DICE (Chile), DIE and DIEI (Spain), DIFM, DIFI and DIFO (France), DIP (Portugal), GIA (Germany), IIA and ILIA (Italy), IOCA (Croatia), IOSA (Scotland), JIIA (Japan), RRA (Russia), SPIA (Poland), UIA (Ukraine), USIA (United States). Full information is available on the Russian Robinson Club's web site (http://www.hamradio.ru/rrc/wrc_e.htm). [TNX RZ3EM]

WRTC 2006: THE TEAMS ---> The teams for the next World Radiosport Team Championship (<http://www.wrtc2006.com>) were announced on 1 April.

* National Special Invited Teams

USA K1DG / N2NT
Russia RA3AUU / RV1AW

* National WRTC2006 Teams

USA N6BV / AG9A
USA N0AX / KL9A
Slovenia S50A / S59AA
Finland OH1JT / OH2IW
Brazil PY2YU / PY1NX

* Bi-National Young Teams

Brazil / ... PY2NDX / TBA
Italy / ... IZ3EYZ / TBA
Croatia / Germany 9A6XX / DJ1YFK

* Special Sponsored Young Team

Denmark / Sweden OZ1AA / SM0W

* Special Sponsored Lady Team

Aruba / USA P43E / WA1S

* Bi-National & National WRTC 2006

USA-West	W2SC / K5ZD	EU-2-Germany	DL6FBL / DL2CC
USA-West	N6MJ / N2NL	EU-2-Poland	SP7GIQ / SP2FAX
USA-East	K4BAI / KU8E	EU-2-Czech Rep.	OK1FUA / OK2RZ
USA-East	K1ZM / K1KI	EU-2-Romania	Y09GZU / Y03JR
USA-Central	N9RV / K3LR	EU-1-Serbia	YT6A / YT6T
USA-Central	K5TR / KM3T	EU-1-Bulgaria	LZ4AX / LZ3FN
SA-Brazil	PY2NY / PY2EMC	EU-1-Italy	IK2QEI / IK2JUB
SA-Argentina	LU1FAM / LU5DX	EU-1-Croatia	9A8A / 9A5K
OC- Hawaii / USA	KH6ND / K9PG	EU-1-France / USA	F6BEE / W2GD
NA- Canada	VE3EJ / VE7ZO	CA-Panama / USA	HP1WW / N5ZO
EU-3-Estonia	ES5TV / ES2RR	CA- Mexico	XE1KK / XE1NTT
EU-3-Russia	RW3QC / RW3GU	AS-JA-Japan	JK2VOC / JA2BNN
EU-3-Lithuania	LY2TA / LY2CY	AS-BY-China	BA4RF / BA7NQ
EU-3-Finland	OH2UA / OH4JFN	AS-Russia	UA9AM / RZ3AA
EU-3-Latvia	YL2KL / YL1ZF	AS-Cyprus	5B4WN / 5B4AFM
EU-2-Ukraine	UT4UZ / UT5UGR	AF-So. Africa/Georgia	ZS4TX / 4L5A

The Sponsored Team's auction will be the weekend of 8-9 April. The Multi-National Multi-Single (MN MS) Teams will be announced soon.

YU DX CONTEST ---> The results of the 2005 YU DX Contest are available at <http://arenags.com/yudx/index.htm>. This year's event will be held on 15-16 April, the rules can be found at the same URL. [TNX VE3EXY]

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*** NEWS FROM THE WEB ***

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- BENIN 2006: The TY DXpedition (TY5LEO, TY4TW, TY5WP and TY5MR) went QRT on 30 March at 22.59 UTC with 24,000 QSOs in the log, including 4332 QSOs on the low bands and 3298 on RTTY. Online logs, detailed statistics and more than 100 pictures are available at <http://www.ik1pmr.com/dx-peditions/ty/> [TNX IK1PMR]
- DX SPOTS: Rod Elliott, VE3UW has collected the DX spots from the OH2AQ Web Cluster since January 1997. The collection - from January 1997 up to March 2006 - is available at www.425dxn.org/dxspots/, as well the software (DXINFO v2.0) which will enable you to handle the files (instructions at the URL above).
- QSL GALLERY: The large collection of QSL cards (3300+) on Les Nouvelles DX's web site has been updated. Eight different galleries include cards for each of the 58 deleted DXCC entities (650+ QSLs), the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (120+ QSLs), obsolete prefixes (1300+ QSLs), Antarctic bases (500+ QSLs) & TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises, 200+ QSLs), pre-1945 countries (200+ QSLs) and French Departments, US 48 States before 1945. Several cards are still needed and your participation is encouraged - please visit <http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr> and send send your comments to LesNouvellesDX@free.fr [TNX F6AJA]
- TOP LISTS: The latest Topband, Topmode and Toplist listings are now available at <http://www.425dxn.org/awards/toplist/index.html>. Please send your scores, as well as any request for further information, to Erminio Pandocchi, I2EOW (i2eow@ari.it)
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QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8CF, 3V5A, 3V8KO, 5H2AG, 5U1A, 5U7JB, 5X1RI, 6O0N, 6V6U, 6W6/K3IPK, 7P8ZZ, 8R1EA, 9G1MR, 9G5OO, 9J2CA, 9V1AG, A41KJ, AP2IA, AT0EI (AS-169), B4RF, C6AQQ, CE0Z/LA6IKA, CO2GL, CO6XN, CO8LY, CP6CW, CU2A, CY9SS, EK6LP, EP3PTT, EP3SMH, ER4/SP4R, ET3TK, EW6DX, EX2X, EZ8BO, FG/N0YY, FM1HM, FP/K8DD, FR5FD, FW5ZL, FY/F5IRO, GJ2A, GP0STH, HC1HC, HC8N, IH9P, IS0/WH0Q, J68MS, J75RZ, J88DR, JW8AJA, K7C, KG4SB, KH0AC, KL1V, KL7/NO7F, KP4SQ, LU1ZB (AN-012; AA LU-05), LU1ZD (AN-016; AA LU-11), LU1ZR (AN-013; AA LU-12), LU1ZS (AN-010; AA LU-17), MJ/K3PLV, MJ/K8PT, MJ0AWR, N3KS/KP5, NP2B, OH0B, OJ0B, OJ0U, OJ0VR, PZ5C, PZ5PA, R1ANB (AN-016; AA UA-07), R1ANF (AN-016; AA UA-04), R1ANN (AN-016; AA UA-08), R1ANT (AN-016; AA UA-07), R1ANZ (AN-016; AA UA-07), R1MVC, R1MVW, ST2BF, SU1SK, SU8GFTN (AF-101), SU9ZZ, SV9CVY, T88AT, T88VC, T88WX, T88ZX, TL8QC, TM8TAF, TS3A, TZ3M, TZ5A, V25G, V26EA, V26VR, V31JP, V4/AA1M, V51AS, V7/K7ZZ, VK9NS, VP5/K7LAZ, VU3BPZ (AN-016; AA VU-02), WZ8D/KP2, XE1ZW, XE2WWW, XW3DT, YI1OM, YK1BA, YL2GP, YM0T (AS-159), YN4MG, YN4SU, ZA/Z35M, ZB2FK, ZB2X, ZD7VC, ZD8R,

ZF2NT, ZF2UL, ZK1EQL, ZS1Y.

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